

Attend a Public Hearing

Why are public hearings held?

- To offer citizens the chance to learn about the case (called a Docket)
- To gather information from citizens, ratepayers and others
- To offer citizens an opportunity to provide oral and written comments into the official record

Please remember...

- The hearing starts on time
- Plan to arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials and find a seat
- If you do not wish to speak, you may submit written comments
- The same information will be presented at each public hearing
 - You are welcome to attend more than one public hearing
 - There is no need to submit your comments more than once
- The hearing lasts until everyone has spoken or until the scheduled end time, whichever comes first

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What happens at a public hearing?

- An Administrative Law Judge or a Public Utilities Commission staff member runs the hearing
- A court reporter takes down everything that is said
- Staff from the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and the company may give presentations and will be available to answer questions

Speaking at the Hearing

- Speakers are called in order from the sign up list
- When it is your turn to speak, state and spell your name
- If you are speaking for a group or organization, please state its name
- Speak slowly and clearly for the court reporter
- Please limit your comments to a few minutes to allow all a chance to speak

Keep in mind...

- You do not need an attorney to speak for you at a public hearing
- Oral and written comments carry the same weight
- One well reasoned comment is more helpful than a form letter campaign